

APRIL 2015 WORSHIP SERVICES

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Sunday, April 5, 9:30 & 11:00 AM "Easter Sunday: Stories of Rebirth"

Rev. Jill McAllister

We celebrate spring, and renewal, with stories old and new, for times such as these. We'll join in the traditional Czech Unitarian Flower Ceremony – please bring a flower or two to share, for each person attending.

Sunday, April 12, 9:30 & 11:00 AM "Circles"

Rev. Jill McAllister

One of the most common symbols among indigenous traditions in the world is the circle, powerful in both its simplicity and ability to stand for complex ideals. Circles are still powerful for us today. Let's look at how. With special music from Sandy O and Pat Humphries—emma's revolution.

Sunday, April 19, 9:30 & 11:00 AM "Earth Day—Intergenerational"

Rev. Jill McAllister and all

All ages join for worship together as we focus on our home the earth. Members of the Climate Justice Committee and Environmental Action Council will take part. Local author Gregg Kleiner will join us to share one of his new books. Music for all ages.

Sunday, April 26, 9:30 & 11:00 AM "What is Time?"

Rev. Jill McAllister

What is the most important time? Now? The Future? The Past? How do we know? And no matter what we think, which of these times really moves us? Indigenous ways of knowing time are not the same as modern ways. Might there be wisdom for us in that?

Other Worship Services

Sunday, April 12, 7:00 PM Monthly *Kirtan* Service

Kirtan and Movement Meditation.

Sunday, April 26, 7:00 PM Monthly Vespers Service

Join us in a quiet service of meditations, music, and movement for centering.

Religious Exploration for Children and Youth
is offered at 11:00 AM on Sunday
Childcare for Infants and Toddlers if offered at both services.
Children and Youth are welcome at all services.

Emergency Aid Fund

The UUFC Emergency Aid Fund supports members and friends in need, in crisis, in transitions. Requests are frequent and ongoing. Contributions are always needed and welcomed.



Between Us . . .

A church or religious congregation is many things, for many people. It is a place for learning, a place for healing from some of life's pain, a place to belong when we feel too alone, a place to share in the work of building justice and peace, a place to be with others who can both comfort and

inspire us, and more.

All these are true of the Fellowship. Sometimes, to know what activities are most suited for you here, you must understand what you most need. What have you come looking for, or what do you need most now, at this time in your life? Is it to understand religion more broadly and deeply, to find comfort and healing, to be more effective in addressing the needs of the world, deal with the realities of aging, to have a place to be with friends? All of these things matter, and that is why all reflected in our mission statement.

Last year we had great discussions about our mission and goals, and our statement of priorities emerged: Explore. Love. Act. Staying focused on these priorities, we strive every week, through worship and companionship, to deepen the practice of these highest values and keep moving forward to make these values real in our lives and real in the world.

This work is renewed every year with our annual stewardship campaign, which is how we literally "Tend our Flame." Each year, I welcome this time. Gone are the days when the annual gathering of pledges to support the church was seen as a necessary but tainted undertaking – not wanting to admit the deep relationships between our money and our values. We understand that it is by our own efforts and our own sharing that we achieve our goals. And we know from experience that together we can achieve incredible things.

The goal of every Stewardship campaign is 100% participation, which means a response from every member and friend of the Fellowship. If your circumstances are such that you truly cannot afford even the minimum amount required for voting membership, we ask you to request a waiver, which is included on the pledge form. Every pledge made, of both time and money, is a personal decision about values and resources, and every pledge made is needed and welcomed.

In the end, these things truly matter because our life as a congregation comes from and is addressed to our lives in the world – this world, with all its beauty and all its pain. I share these words written by former UUA Moderator, Gini Courter, which remind me of why what we do matters.

See you Sunday -- *Jill*

WORDS FOR REFLECTION

Why It Matters

Somewhere earlier today a woman lost her partner of fifty years.
 Somewhere today a man retired – it was not his choice – and has decided to dedicate his life to a noble purpose.
 Somewhere today a teenager was beaten for daring to love a person of another race.
 Somewhere today a family is grieving the loss of a child.
 Somewhere today another family lost their home.
 Somewhere today a child decided to reach out to girls in Kenya.
 Somewhere today a young man was hazed for defending a queer team mate.
 Somewhere tonight a woman falls asleep crying, realizing her spiritual life is vacant, her soul is empty.

This Sunday, each of these beloveds will walk into a Unitarian Universalist Church.
 Some are long-term members.
 Some are newer; some will visit for the first time
 But all will find a Unitarian Universalist congregation somewhere.

Every Unitarian Universalist congregation is somewhere
 Every day is this day.
 Every Sunday is this Sunday.
 I pray you, beloveds,
 Do not ever forget even for a moment
 how much this faith, our faith, matters.

Gini Courter, UUA Moderator, Feb. 28, 2009

Children and youth of all ages are invited to sign up to **light the chalice** on a Sunday morning. The sign-up sheet is located next to the door to the Minister's Office.

Religious Exploration: Children and Youth

April Topics for Children in 1st-6th Grades:

April 5th – Easter! Flower Celebration & Egg Hunt

April 12th – Indigenous Spiritual Traditions

April 19th – Earth Day Intergenerational Worship

April 26th – Indigenous Spiritual Traditions

What Actually Happens in Youth (Teen) RE?

We have two youth groups at the Fellowship, one for 7th/8th grade teens, and one for 9th through 12th grade teens (known as YRUU - Young Religious Unitarian Universalists). On Sundays during the 11:00 AM service at the Fellowship, youth usually proceed directly to their own rooms, with their volunteer adult youth advisors. There they light their own chalice, check in, and launch in to the day's topic. This year the high school youth have been learning about the world's great religions, along with the rest of the congregation.

For 7th/8th grade youth, this year is their "Coming of Age" (COA) year. This means that the advisors and many of the youth have committed to attend sessions above and beyond Sunday mornings, frequently staying for several more hours to share, discuss, and work together. They examine a wide range of topics, from personal beliefs and attitudes to global politics and issues of the day, using games, videos, , role-playing, and more.

The youth groups go on various field trips and service projects throughout the year. Both groups regularly participate in the county-wide Thanksgiving Food Drive.

Many in YRUU choose to attend district-wide youth conferences in the fall and spring, where they get to know other youth and advisors from UU churches around the Pacific Northwest. Youth in YRUU also have opportunities to attend UU Leadership camp, chaplain training, and other workshops. This year, as part of COA, the 7th/8th grade youth will spend a weekend in Portland, serving food to homeless and disadvantaged people. COA youth also

Save the date:

The UUFC Choir and an instrumental ensemble will perform *Missa Gaia* by Paul Winter on May 31st at 7:00 PM.

Come enjoy this incredible piece performed by our own choir!

Women's Retreat

The **UUFC Women's Retreat** will be at Silver Falls from **October 16-18, 2015**.

Early registration will begin in the first week of May.

participate in a high ropes challenge course at OSU and go on a wilderness retreat in old-growth forest of the Cascades.

Both youth groups occasionally present worship services for the entire congregation. This year the COA youth group will present the worship service on Sunday, May 31st, sharing their credos with all of us. The graduating high school seniors, along with YRUU, will present the "Bridging" worship service on June 7th.

No matter what is planned, the heart of youth's religious exploration at the Fellowship is about our time being together, sharing a sacred time and space. It's about living out our values of respecting, supporting, and encouraging one another, and challenging ourselves and each other to work towards our dreams of peace, justice, equity, and compassion.

RE Needs You One Sunday this Summer!

This coming summer in RE we'll be getting an early start on next year's theme: Peace, Justice & the Environment. Many topics could be explored: peace within and between ourselves, and peace in the world; economic, racial, and environmental justice; climate change; food production and hunger; preservation of diversity; and more. If you have a passion you'd like to share with the children or youth for one hour on one Sunday morning this summer, sign up on the easel by the door in the foyer, or talk with RE staff Michael or Ann to learn more.

We now have a **Fahs Ambassador** at UUFC!

Ann Mbacke, RE Associate, is serving as a link between the Fahs Collaborative and a wider community of faith-development leaders in the UUA. . (Named after pioneer RE teacher Sophia Lyons Fahs, this collective curates RE resources for UU congregations.) Ambassadors connect the life of the congregation to the Collaborative with an eye toward excellence in shared ministry, multicultural diversity, multiple learning styles, and the latest in faith-development theory.

To learn more, contact Ann Mbacke at reassociate@uucorvallis.org.

Adult Religious Exploration (RE) Programs

We are planning for summer and fall terms now and want to remind you that we have established deadlines to support better planning and programs to meet the greater needs of our religious community. The terms are as follows:

- **Fall term:** mid-September to December 24th. August 10th is the deadline for requests.#
 - **Winter term:** January, Feb, and March. December 1st is the deadline for requests.#
 - **Spring term:** April, May, and June. March 1st is the deadline for requests.#
- Summer term:** July and August. June 1st is be the deadline for requests.#
- Please contact Ann Mbacke (reassociate@uucorvallis.org) for more information and or to submit program requests.

Our theme for the upcoming 2015-16 RE year is Peace and Justice. We'll look at how peace and justice relate to how we as UUs express our faith in the community and the world around us. This year we'll collaborate with the Climate Action Committee, Social Justice Council, and others, to offer programming that encourages a responsive commitment to being the way we want to see the world. If you're interested in helping develop these programs, contact Ann Mbacke (reassociate@uucorvallis.org).

Adult RE is planning a **Programs Provider Roundtable** this summer. We want to include as many as possible of you who have been instructors in this brainstorming discussion as we consider the instructional needs and direction of Adult RE programs. For more information, contact Ann Mbacke (reassociate@uucorvallis.org).

Program Council

Heretics Softball

Spring brings out the birds and the bees, as well as the bats and balls. If you're interested in playing on a co-ed softball team beginning in May, please contact Kyle Jansson (kjansson1@minetfiber.com). Let's have fun!

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The **Connect Up book clubs** are going strong. April's book is [The Last Report on the Miracles of Little No Horse](#) by Louise Erdrich. May's read will be [The Memory Keeper's Daughter](#) by Kim Edwards. Several copies will be available to check out in the library. The book club has two meeting times to choose from: 2nd Wednesday at 6:30 PM in room 7 or 3rd Sunday at 6:30 PM in the UUFC library. Newcomers are always welcome, and it's not necessary to attend every month - just come when you can! Questions? Contact Wendy Sutton (suttonw@science.oregonstate.edu).

Grounds Work Party April 11

Needed: Several pickups and drivers, and more than several workers to help clean up our grounds on **Saturday morning, April 11**. We'll be ready to go at 8 am and plan to wind up by noon. Beverages and snacks, as well as some hand tools for weeding, raking, and pruning, will be provided. Questions? Contact Andrea Dailley (541-368-5212, 2daileys@gmail.com).

Do You Like to Cook?

Join the UUFC Casserole Ministry! This dedicated group provides casseroles when members of our congregation need a little help. We need you to help out. Contact Nancy Lindsey (540-740-2515, nancyelindsey@gmail.com).

Services Auction

Mark your calendar: the **Services Auction** is coming up on May 9, 2015. This fun evening combines supporting the UUFC, a chance to fill your social calendar with dinners and outings, a silent auction, and the energy of a live auction. You won't want to miss it!

And it's time to start thinking about your contribution to the auction! Will you host a dinner, do yardwork or lead a rafting trip, or bake a year of pies for someone? Get creative about what you'll offer this year.

Communication

"AboutUUFC" Will Be Changing

The email moderator team is beginning a shift in the email distribution list for members and friends of the UUFC. "About UUFC," the Google group we use as a distribution list, is beginning to fail us. There have been problems with managing subscriptions and unsubscribe requests, with notifications to moderators when messages are waiting, and with the ability of individuals to send and receive messages on About UUFC. In light of these issues, the moderators will be setting up two new email distribution lists, hosted by PEAK. One will be a moderated announcement list, just like About UUFC, and the other will be an unmoderated discussion list. Watch for more information about these and instructions on how to subscribe, coming in mid-April!

Do you maintain an **email distribution list** for a UUFC group or committee? Please email Yaney MacIver (office@uucorvallis.org) with information about your list so the moderator team can get in touch with you about future possibilities for email communication.#

Board of Trustees

Future Structures Discussions

I have been surprised with the variety of opinions I've heard related to the Future Structures Task Force report. It seems everybody has their own unique reason for staying in our current location, looking for facilities elsewhere, or creating another solution.

There is no one solution that solves everyone's concerns. A solution will come with additional research, consideration and conversation. I want to listen as closely as I can and I hope you will, too, so that we can craft a process and a solution in which people feel heard and as many of the congregation's needs met as possible.

To further the conversation through technology, we are going to use our blog (http://uucorvallis.org/?page_id=70) for the next few weeks. Please read the posts that you see on it. If you should be moved by a comment or have some factual information to add, please do so. This is an experiment to see how well we can have a discussion electronically.

The Board will be having discussions, too, and intends to report to the Congregational meeting its plans for finding a solution to our structural challenge.

Kyle Jansson, UUFC President

UUFC Annual Meeting: Sunday, May 17

Annual Meeting Topics

After the second service on Sunday April 12, committee chairs will talk about any changes in their budget proposals since they were first presented nearly three months ago. After the second service on Sunday April 19 and on the evening of Thursday April 16 there will be information about possible changes to Article 4 (Membership) of our bylaws.

The meeting's full agenda will be announced two weeks ahead of time (per our bylaws) and the election slate announced in April.

Voting Membership

Per our bylaws, "A voting member may exercise the right to vote at any meeting that takes place more than thirty days after the member has met the requirements for membership." That means that if you have not yet become a member, you can still do so in time to vote at our Annual Meeting on Sunday, May 17th. There will be an opportunity

after our next membership classes (*UU Path class*: Saturday, April 11 at 9:00 AM; *Membership class*: Sunday, April 12 at 12:30 PM: contact Melinda Sayavedra at sayavedl@onid.orst.edu to register). Each member must also have met the minimum annual contribution for 2014-15 or obtained a contribution waiver from the minister.

Board Secretary Monica Jacobson Tennesen will be posting a list of current voting members of the UUFC in the weeks leading up to the Annual Meeting. Watch for more information to come in mid-April. If you have questions about your status, contact Monica at monica.djt@gmail.com for assistance.

Stewardship

Tending Our Flame: UUFC Annual Pledge Drive Continues Through April 5

We are in the middle of our annual pledge drive. It's a time of year to look forward to, knowing that it is we ourselves, together, who support the life of this congregation. We all know enough about money to take this seriously, and to discuss openly our need for generous pledges of support, every year. It is hypocritical at the very least to say we are for freedom, peace, justice and a strong liberal religious voice, and then to not back-up those claims with our time, talent and treasure. Yes, we have different capacities to give – this is always true. Yet, all of us are called to give. All of us.

Thank you to each and every one of you who have pledged and recommitted to the ongoing work we do here! Your generosity and commitment allow us to accomplish so much more than any one of us could accomplish alone. If you have not pledged yet, please take the opportunity to do so now. The Stewardship Committee is happy to mail paper materials to you if you would like, or you can access pledge materials online. This year you can fill out your pledge form online in the easiest way possible. A link is available on the front page of the UUFC website at www.uucorvallis.org.

The stewardship campaign this year has two goals. The first is that every member and friend returns a pledge form, in a timely fashion: 100% participation. The second is that we adequately fund our plans and our work for the next church year, 2015-16. We are the ones who make this happen, and who make it successful – all of us together. Join us!

If you have any questions, concerns, or simply want to have a conversation about pledging, contact the Stewardship Committee at stewardship@uucorvallis.org.

Adult Religious Exploration and Growth – Spring Programs

World Religions

Tuesdays, April 14, 21; 7:00 PM; May 12, 19; Room 7

Due to travel, the schedule for the evening World Religions meetings will be changed. On April 14 the Discussion group will meet, and on April 21 Jill McAllister will give her talk. The topic is Primal Religions."

Deepen your understanding of world religions in this year-long study, with discussion and worship included. Each month, we will delve into one of the great wisdom traditions of the world. Huston Smith's unsurpassable classic text, *The World's Religions*, will be our guide. Jill McAllister will provide an overview of each tradition on the second Tuesday of the month, at 7:00 PM. The following week, on the third Tuesday of each month, Patti White will host a discussion group which will include viewing interviews of Huston Smith by Bill Moyers, also at 7:00 PM. On the fourth Sunday of each month, a new 7:00 PM evening worship service will draw on practices and themes from the tradition we have studied.

Leading from Spiritual Depth: Skill Building

Saturday, May 2nd 9:00 am – 1:00 PM

Tuesdays May 5th, 12th, and 19th 6:45 PM – 8:30 PM

This four-session course is a continuation of *Leading from Spiritual Depth* which is an exploration of a spiritual path of servant-leadership, focusing on group dynamics and facilitating processes that bring out the best in individuals for the sake of the community; with Marcia Shaw and Diana Vezmar-Bailey. Contact *Marcia at shawm@proaxis.com or Diana at dianavb@inbox.com* for more information

Qigong and Health

Thursdays beginning March 25- May 7, 6:30 PM, in the Social Hall

A seven week class taught by Fellowship member and qigong master teacher Dean Johnson in which you'll make needed connections between your physical, mental and spiritual selves. Qigong works on three levels - healing the body, enhancing the mind/body connection, and raising consciousness. This class will focus on the first level: experience strategies that orient you in the direction of optimum well-being. The class has a materials fee of \$60. Register via the church office: (541-752-5218 office@uucorvallis.org).

Women's Spirituality Journey: w/o maps:

Friday, April 17, 6:30 – 8:30 PM.; Saturday, April 18, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM, Room 7

This workshop provides an opportunity for women to explore their spiritual journey in a safe and supportive environment. It is a process getting in touch where we

are, and support to take the next step in the spiritual journey. It can accommodate six to eight women. For more information or to register, contact Diana at 541-704-0466 dianavb@inbox.com.

Working WITH Our Differences: Skills for this Multi-Cultural World

Saturday – April 18th, 9:00 AM -3:00 PM

It isn't enough to merely wish that we could "all get along." Good intentions, and being nice, do not go far enough toward understanding the differences that truly trip us up. People are different, that is a fact! We can learn to work with these differences, across language barriers, across ethnic and cultural barriers, across barriers made by our own world-views. In fact, we must learn to recognize and work with differences if we are to truly promote and realize peace in the world. And all of us can learn these skills!

Join Jill McAllister and Ann Mbacke for an introduction to multi-cultural competency. We'll learn about a developmental model of competency which can be a great foundation for further work in the coming years. This work supports our entire mission: explore, love, and act. For more information, contact Jill. Sign-up on Sundays until April 11, or call the church office to say you are coming. A light lunch will be served. Childcare can be arranged if you need it; let us know by April 11.

Compassionate Listening

Mondays, March 30, April 13 & 27, 7:00-9:00 PM

Compassionate Listening is a practice that was originally developed for listening tips to areas of conflict. However, the practices are very applicable in our personal lives, as well as in the life of our congregation and our community.

This group will work through Andrea Cohen's book Practicing the Art of Compassionate Listening with a focus on practicing what we read about. The book is available from Anna Coffman for \$16. A few loaner copies of the book will be available if the cost of the book is an obstacle. Questions contact Anna by phone or email 978-760-0910, anna@journey-home.net.

Insight Meditation Fridays, 10:30 AM, Room 7

Insight meditation is based on the original teachings of the Buddha. The form practiced in the US was originated by Joseph Goldstein, Jack Kornfield & Sharon Salzberg. It emphasizes mindfulness, abiding in the present moment and deep inquiry into the conditioned mental and emotional constructions that keep each of us from awakening to life as it is.

Mary Leigh Burke maryleigh.burke@gmail.com

Living with Loss

Mon., April 13 noon Wed. May 13, 7:00 PM, Library.

Adult Religious Exploration and Growth – Spring Programs

Walk with the Seasons: Winter

Two Tuesdays, March 31 and April 13

Two groups: 4:00-6:00 PM OR 7:00-9:00 PM

Please join us in this exploration of our connection with the winter season, both in the outer landscape, as well as in its reflection in us. We will meet on Tuesday, March 31st to learn about being in nature in an intentional and intuitive way, and to explore our individual intentions around connecting with the winter season. Participants are then invited to plan on a time between the two sessions, when they can wander alone in a natural area for some length of time. Two to-four hours are ideal, but it could be as short as one hour. On Tuesday, April 14 we will gather again to share our stories and reflect on our experiences.

Please contact Anna Coffman to register or for more information 978-760-0910 anna@journey-home.net and indicate which time slot is best for you, or if either could work. Each group can accommodate four to eight participants. This walk is part of an ongoing seasonal series, but each walk can be attended independent of the others.

Active Hope: Courage for the Journey

The third Wednesday of the month, beginning March 18th through June

Feeling discouraged? Please consider joining with others for mutual support as we continue our work in social justice. We will gather in room 7 at the Fellowship on the third Wednesday of each month, 3:30 – 5:00 PM, and beginning on March 18. Diana Vezmar-Bailey will facilitate the group. The work will be based on Macy & Johnstone's book, Active Hope, contact Diana 541-740-9006 dianavb@inbox.com if you have questions.

OTHER ADULT PROGRAMS

Kirtan/Bhakti Yoga

Fridays, 7:00 PM, through June 26, Room 9

Contact Kitzie Stern at kitstern@gmail.com or 541-760-3528

Path to UU Membership Classes

First Steps classes are every 4th Sunday from 9:30-10:15 AM in the UUFC Library. This class offers an introduction to UU'ism and the UUFC.

UU Path Class provides a broader & deeper look at UU'ism and the UUFC. The Rev. Jill McAllister helps facilitate this class. Saturday, April 11, 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM. Lunch is included. Pre-registration is needed for a head-count. Sign up at the Welcome Desk.

Membership Class includes a discussion on the benefits and responsibilities of being a UUFC member and the opportunity to sign the Membership Book. The Rev. Jill McAllister facilitates this class. Sunday, April 12, 12:30 PM. *Melinda Sayavedra at saya-vedl@onid.orst.edu*

Women's Lunch Bunch

Wednesdays, 1:00 PM at the North Coop, 29th St
Meet for lunch and conversation.

Elizabeth Waldorf, dewaldorf@comcast.net or 541-207-3613

Men's Monthly Gathering

2nd Saturdays, 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM, Room 7

The Men's Monthly Gathering offers an informal space for UU men to get to know one another better and talk about what matters in their lives. Some men like to bring a song or poem that expresses who they are.

Contact Alan Kirk 541-602-2110 or Beany Kunis at askbeany@gmail.com

Exercise/Aerobics

Thinking about starting a regular exercise regime? Consider joining the UUFC exercisers.

The regular schedule is 4:15 to 5:00 PM Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Emphasis: cardiovascular conditioning (low impact aerobics), strengthening (hand weights, bands, and balls), balance, and stretching for flexibility. We also offer friendship, support, and a few laughs along with the work of physical fitness. Both men and women participate: beginners, regular exercisers, and those in between are welcome. We meet in the social hall. There is a fee for this class. Contact Nichele Deutsch for more information 541-753-4664 or nandad@peak.org

Over 65 Group We gather on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 3:00 PM in the Sanctuary. Each month we converse on a topic appropriate for this age group or consider a topic generated by a book. Newcomers are welcome to join us for these discussions where we share perceptions, experiences and ways to deal with challenges related to the current topic. If you're interested in these activities and would like to join us, contact *Carolyn Madsen, carolynzac@comcast.net*.

Adult Programs Terms and Deadlines

We are planning for summer and fall terms now and want to remind you that we have established deadlines to support better planning and programs to meet the greater needs of our religious community. The terms are as follows:

Fall term is—mid September - December 24th
August 10th will be the deadline for requests.

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Spring term is— April, May, and June
March 1st will be the deadline for requests.

Summer term is: July –August
June 1st will be the deadline for requests.

Please contact Ann at reassociate@uucorvallis.org for more information and or to submit program requests.

Justice and Outreach

Special Climate Justice Program, April 11

The UUFC Climate Justice Committee and the Energy Action Team of the Corvallis Sustainability Coalition invite you to gather on Saturday, April 11, for a late afternoon of celebration, culminating in a concert by Emma's Revolution. We will celebrate Oregon's stunning achievements in laying out a policy, program, and political action framework that makes it possible for Oregon to show that reducing our carbon emissions by 75% from 1990 levels "It Can Be Done" - and done in a manner that fits with our lives and our values.

Starting at 3:00 PM, there will be four short talks, featuring Catherine Mater (Corvallis's own representative to the Global Warming Commission), Jeff Bissonette (the Citizens' Utility Board Legislative Director), Anne Murray Allen (a Hewlett Packard retiree whose PhD work is in how we use our own biology to guide us into loving action), and Theresa Gibney (a Fellowship member, who will talk to us about Corvallis's participation in the Georgetown Energy Challenge).

Between 3:00 PM and 6:00 PM, there will be small room conversations that you can drop in on to get your specific questions answered in the areas of: community and personal solar (our own Laura Uhler), efficient lighting (our own Elizabeth Waldorf), heat pump water heaters (OSU's Sustainability Coordinator, Brandon Trelstad), Oregon's new building codes that allow water collection and grey water recycling (the Water Action Team lead, Dave Eckert), and direct political action (Leonard Higgins). You can attend any or all of these.

We'll share Onion/Fennel soup with Breads and Dips, Fresh Spring Vegetables and Fruit Trays in the early evening in the Social Hall and then move to the sanctuary to enjoy the invigorating sounds of Emma's Revolution. Join us, if you can! Help us celebrate what UUFC members are doing to address climate change!

Partner Church

On March 15th the Partner Church Committee visited with children in RE classes to talk about the children in our Unitarian Partner church in Körispatak, Transylvania. We had fun looking at photos, creating cards, and making cookies and signs for a bake sale. Our children are pleased they can help provide scholarships for some of their partners to go to high school. Thanks for congregation's strong support during March, "Partner Church Month."

Climate Justice Survey

The Climate Justice Committee will be conducting a special project as part of Climate Justice Month. The committee is interested in learning how members and friends of UUFC are changing old habits and taking action in light of the serious environmental and climate concerns confronting us. We know that our collective actions make a difference and we are heartened by what we can do together. Posters will be on the walls in the social hall where each of us can identify things we are doing in six topic areas: Household, Consumer, Transportation, Food, Communication, Direct Action. Another way to share this same information will be with a printed checklist survey that will be available in April. We will be celebrating what we find out about our collective actions at the Earth Day service on April 19th.

UU Service Committee

Thank you to all who supported the UU Service Committee (UUSC) by buying holiday cards. Your contributions helped the UUSC protect basic human rights and advance social justice in the United States and around the world.

Basic UUSC membership is \$40 and is tax-deductible. If you are a student or senior, the suggested membership donation is \$10-\$20. Gifts of \$125 or more are matched dollar for dollar by the UU Congregation at Shelter Rock in Manhasset, NY. For more information, visit www.uusc.org

Healthcare

In February we raised \$930.95 for the MidValley Health Care Advocates. That money will be used in support of a system to provide healthcare for ALL Oregonians. This May or June, the Oregon legislature will consider authorizing the funding of a study of the most economical way to fund healthcare for all (HB2828). You can keep up on developments at HCAO.org and MVHCA.org.

Remember to Fill the Baskets for the South Corvallis Food Bank



Baking supplies: cake mix, muffin mix, or sugar, etc.

Contact Martha Clemons at 541-757-9627.

Action Lunch: We Care

The April 5th action lunch is in support of We Care. Here are a few facts to get the conversation started.

Who is We Care? Us! The UUFC and 19 other faith communities work together with individuals, businesses and organizations to form the We Care team. This year the faith communities represented on the board are St. Mary's Catholic Church, First Christian Church, Spiritual Assembly of the Baha'is Corvallis and First Congregational United Church of Christ. UUFC member Polly Kaye goes to the weekly meetings and serves as a substitute as needed.

What does We Care do? We Care provides one-time emergency financial assistance to Benton County residents. Requests are brought to Community Services Consortium (CSC), which matches individual cases to available private and public resources. When there are no other programs available, a case is brought to the We Care weekly board meeting. Each week the We Care board chooses who to assist, considering both need and available funds. When assistance is extended, checks are made payable directly to the provider (power company, landlord, etc.).

How does We Care acquire the funds for these situations? About half of the funds come from the member faith communities, a third from individuals and the remainder from organizations and businesses. Greater than 98% of the funds contributed go directly to those in need.

How can YOU get involved? Contribute to We Care directly or through the UUFC. Invite a We Care board member to speak at your organization or civic group. Attend a We Care general meeting (next meeting: April 21, 12:00 PM, UUFC). Become a church representative. Serve on the We Care board. Come to the Action lunch Sunday April 5th! To learn more, contact Polly Kaye (pruekaye@gmail.com) or Wendy Sutton (suttonw@science.oregonstate.edu).

UUA General Assembly

Registration

Registration is open for the 2015 UUA General Assembly. GA is in Portland this year, from June 24-28. There are options for full-time attendance (Wednesday-Sunday) or one-day registrations. Youth in grades 9-12 get a discounted rate for both full-time and one-day registrations.

A schedule of events and more information is available online at <http://www.uua.org/ga>

Don't miss this:

emma's revolution

in concert at the UUFC

on

Saturday, April 11, 7:30 p.m.

Tickets: \$17 advance/ \$20 at the door

"With gorgeous close harmonies and unsinkable tunefulness, Emma's Revolution (the Emma is Goldman) is a classic, globetrotting folk duo comprised of activist singer/songwriters Sandy O and Pat Humphries. Their music is progressive, socially conscious, and shot-through with intelligence and cutting humor; their songs have been played for the Dalai Lama, covered by Holly Near, and they count the great Pete Seeger among their admirers." - Jim Musser, *Iowa City Press-Citizen*

SPREAD THE WORD!

ICUU Global Welcome Party

Last year in Providence, the first night place to be after the Opening Ceremony of the UUA's General Assembly was an intimate international event sponsored by the International Council of Unitarians and Universalists (ICUU). Some described the ICUU Global Welcome Party as the "best kept secret GA highlight".

Whispers heard in ICUU circles suggest this year's reprise will be even bigger and better, with music, dancing, and even birthday cake--all to kick off the ICUU's 20th Anniversary Year. And rumor has it the venue is an uber-cool Portland club.

Details will be announced soon, with tickets available on a first-come first-served basis. So keep that first night post-opening free on your GA dance card and watch for the announcement. Email execsec@icuu.net for more information and to be notified when tickets become available.

Long time member Elliot Marvell passed away in January surrounded by children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. If you wish to send a card please contact Tim Emery (541-231-4131) for addresses of his kids, Linnaea and Kristan.

Living the Mission

What do our mission and programs mean in your life? Email news@uucorvallis.org to share how your experiences at the UUFC help you to grow.

Sandy Piper reflects on her experience in the *Spiritual and Pastoral Care* classes:

“The Spiritual and Pastoral Care classes seem like a blessing to me, both as an individual participant and for the fellowship. We’re developing skills to better connect to each other, skills that seem simple at first blush but are truly profound. I’m learning to listen beyond the facts that are shared, to listen for the unspoken feelings and values reflected underneath what is voiced, to listen with greater integrity suppressing my urge to interrupt with my own thoughts. It’s a constant struggle that is incredibly valuable. I’m learning more about relationship boundaries. Having boundaries is not a new concept for me. Self-care and healthy relationships depend on them; however, defining and establishing them are elusive and difficult. In this course, I’m benefitting from the insights and support necessary to continue practicing appropriate boundaries. And I’m thankful that the classes aren’t finished. For me, they underline that this fellowship takes seriously living into right relationships. I look forward to continuing to develop skills and to build caring relationships as a member of the UUFC.”

Monica Jacobson Tennesen shares wisdom from the *Leading From Spiritual Depth* classes:

“While our society may tell us that leadership is measured by the number and magnitude of tasks accomplished, in church life we are called to take a different measure of our effectiveness as leaders. Yes, of course, we have tasks to accomplish, sometimes crucial ones. But these tasks also serve as what Parker Palmer calls “excuses and permissions for natural interactions” - the frameworks that help us to undertake the daunting task of coming to know one another. When work brings us together, we can choose to work in ways that connect us. And connection is at the heart of the religious life, for other people play a major role in helping each of us to feel less alone and less afraid, more able to let love move through us to bring more peace into the world.

This is not to say that we prioritize socializing at the expense of our goals, or that warm fuzzy feelings are our measure of success. We will experience conflict around our differences and our misunderstandings in our committees as well as in our personal lives. True connection requires a robustness of relationship, and a willingness to work through conflict and see it as a chance to grow spiritually in ourselves and strengthen our bonds with each other. It’s a tall order - and one that promises blessings for those willing to be courageous.”

ICUU GLOBAL CHALICE LIGHTING WORDS from MARCH 2015

ENGLISH: “The light of life shines through the eyes of each and every person. The light of truth shines through each life. May the light of this chalice remind us that our search for truth and light is ongoing, and is enhanced and nurtured by every person we meet. May we honor the light in each other.” - Rev. Jill McAllister, Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations (USA)

CHINESE: 生命的光從每個人的眼裡散發出來。真理的光從每個人的生活中展現出來。願這聖徽的光，提醒我們：追求真理是永不停息的，可以經由我們生活中接觸的每個人來發揚光大。讓我們標榜每一個生命的光彩。

SPANISH: “La luz de la vida brilla a través de los ojos de cada persona. La luz de la verdad brilla a través de cada vida. Que la luz de este cáliz nos recuerde que nuestra búsqueda de la verdad y la luz es continua y que se mejora y nutre con cada persona que encontramos. Honremos la luz que hay en cada uno de nosotros.”

FRENCH: “La lumière de la vie brille dans les yeux de chaque personne. La lumière de la vérité brille à travers chaque vie. Puisse la lumière de ce calice nous rappeler que notre recherche de la vérité et de la lumière est en cours, et qu’elle se trouve renforcée et nourrie par chaque personne que nous rencontrons. Pussions-nous honorer la lumière dans l’autre.”

GERMAN: “Das Licht des Lebens leuchtet durch die Augen eines jeden. Das Licht der Wahrheit scheint durch alles Lebendige hindurch. Möge das Licht dieses Leuchters uns daran erinnern, dass unsere Suche nach Wahrheit und Licht nicht endet und durch jede Person, die uns begegnet, unterstützt und verstärkt wird. Wir wollen das Licht in jedem von uns achten.”

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Introduction to Retreats: Men's, Women's, Couples, Meditation and more
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